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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

TECH CENTER TOO A 2003 Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time up to and including July 28, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1710 in the amount of \$465.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account. In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

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